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Enclosed also please find a copy of the International Search Report citing ten of these references. The relevance of these ten references can be seen from the International Search Report. The English abstracts for the Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed.

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Please also note that enclosed are copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,329,491, 5,434,618, 6,094,693, 6,438,086, 6,766,417 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005-0080985 which are English language counterparts for Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 7-28968, 6-350907, 10-69420, 2000-122923, 2001-184257 and 2003-308240, respectively.

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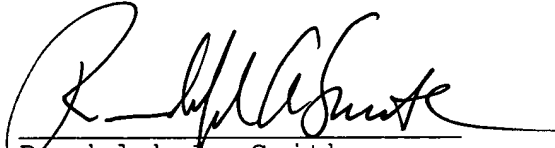
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